

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

DATE: March 24, 2010

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:32 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 5:57 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

Benjamin Hunter, Chair
Vernon Brown
Bob Cockrum
Mary Moriarty Adams
William Oliver
Marilyn Pfisterer
Christine Scales
Ryan Vaughn

Absent Members

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 90, 2010 - confirms the department of public safety director's appointment of Paul R. Ciesielski as chief of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department
"Do Pass" Vote: 8-0

PROPOSAL NO. 91, 2010 - approves a transfer of \$45,000 in the 2010 Budgets of Marion County Community Corrections and Marion Superior Court (Drug Free Community Fund) to implement substance abuse programs
"Do Pass as Amended" Vote: 8-0

PROPOSAL NO. 92, 2010 - approves an appropriation of \$432,140 in the 2010 Budget of the Marion Superior Court (Federal Stimulus and State Grants Funds) to fund salaries of probation officers and a case manager supervisor as part of the Family and Youth Intervention (FYI) program
"Do Pass" Vote: 8-0

PROPOSAL NO. 93, 2010 - amends the Code to eliminate the provisions regarding law enforcement consolidation transition entities, and to make corresponding technical corrections
"Do Pass" Vote: 8-0

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The Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council met on Wednesday, March 24, 2010. Chair Benjamin Hunter called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. with the following members present: Vernon Brown, Bob Cockrum, Mary Moriarty Adams, William Oliver, Marilyn Pfisterer, Christine Scales and Ryan Vaughn. Representing Council staff was Robert Elrod, General Counsel.

Chair Benjamin Hunter asked all Councillors to introduce themselves and state which district they represent.

PROPOSAL NO. 90, 2010 - confirms the department of public safety director's appointment of Paul R. Ciesielski as chief of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department

Councillor Hunter said that Councillor Brown would like to be added as a co-sponsor to this proposal. He also stated that Councillor Moriarty Adams has asked for the command staff to be introduced. Paul Ciesielski, Chief, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD), said that he was sworn in on February 25, 2010, and it has been a very fast-paced four weeks. He said they are making progress, and they have a great team working with the new Public Safety Director, Frank Straub, his command staff, and other agency heads of the Indianapolis Fire Department (IFD), Animal Care and Control and Emergency Management.

Chief Ciesielski said that he started with the Indianapolis Police Department in 1986, and spent the first 11 years on the street as a patrol officer and a sergeant. He worked in the Communications Division for about six months, and then spent eight years in the public information office as a department spokesperson for IPD. Chief Ciesielski said that he worked his way up to the rank of lieutenant and was the primary spokesperson. He said in 2005, he was appointed to the rank of major and was in charge of the Special Services Division, which includes the traffic branch, the SWAT team and all of the special service units within the department. Chief Ciesielski said that in 2006, he had the honor and privilege of being selected as the Northwest District commander when IPD was about to merge with the Law Enforcement Division of the Marion County Sheriff's Department. He said that he has had a great career, has enjoyed every position that he has held, and has made a lot of good friends in the police department, as well as in the community.

Chair Hunter said that he is a former employee of Chief Ciesielski, and Chief Ciesielski was a great chief and he enjoyed working for him.

Councillor Brown congratulated Chief Ciesielski. He said that Chief Ciesielski did a great job on the Northwest side and he has heard nothing but good things about him. Councillor Brown said about a month ago, the Northwest District had police officers walking through neighborhoods, knocking on doors introducing themselves. He said that he is not sure if Chief Ciesielski is responsible for this, but this is what he feels that community policing is about. Councillor Brown said that with Director Straub and Chief Ciesielski, there is a marvelous opportunity to build some strong ties in the community and move community policing forward in a positive manner. Chief Ciesielski said that the initiative to which Councillor Brown is

referring was a program with the Northwest District's Weed and Seed initiative, and it was very successful. He said that one day a month for the next five months, they are going to have a "Department of Public Safety Day" in each district; where officers will walk door-to-door in the community, the fire department will issue free smoke alarms, Animal Care and Control will pass out information about animals, and Emergency Management will pass out information about how to react in different emergencies. He said that this will be a true public safety team effort. Councillor Brown asked if a list will be distributed with the dates and times these events will happen. Chief Ciesielski answered in the affirmative, and stated that the next event is April 10, 2010 in the Southeast District from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Councillor Scales said that she hopes that there will be a chance to look at the beats and increase the amount of patrol officers in each beat area. Chief Ciesielski said that there are many things on the list to review, and that is one subject. He said they will not only look at the beat alignment, but will also look at the whole district alignment to see if there are too many officers in one district that can be moved to another one based on runs, incidents and arrests.

Councillor Oliver said that he has spoken with some of Chief Ciesielski's peers and they hate to see him leave the Northwest District. He thanked him for his efforts.

Councillor Brown said that some of the roll call sites are in industrial areas, and it would be great to have them inside the community, since they are a deterrent to crime. He said that the Department of Public Safety (DPS) is more than welcome to re-locate one of the roll call sites into his district, and stated that 38th Street and Mitthoeffer Road would be a good place to put one. Director Straub said that the idea is to not have district offices located in industrial parks as leases come due, such as in the case of the eastern district. He said in all of the districts, they are endeavoring to find the most challenged area of the community and move the district offices to that area. Councillor Moriarty Adams said that the east district headquarters is in her district and she would like to keep the roll call site there.

Chair Hunter asked Chief Ciesielski to introduce his command staff. Chief Ciesielski introduced: Darryl Pierce, new Assistant Chief of Police; Deputy Chief Bill Benjamin, Investigations Division; Commander Lloyd Crowe, Southwest District; Commander Pete Mungovan, new Commander of the Northwest District; Captain Tom Cople, Northwest District; Major Chris Boomershine, Assistant Commander of the Investigations Division; Commander Karen Arnett, Downtown District; Deputy Chief Valerie Cunningham, Commander of the Training and Professional Standards Divisions; Deputy Chief Bryan Roach, Administrations Division; Deputy Chief Ron Hicks, Operations Divisions; Major John Conley, Homeland Security Division; and Bill Owensby, president of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP). Director Straub introduced Carolin Requiz Smith, new Chief of Staff and Deputy Director, DPS.

Councillor Moriarty Adams moved, seconded by Councillor Scales, to forward Proposal No. 90, 2010 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 91, 2010 - approves a transfer of \$45,000 in the 2010 Budgets of Marion County Community Corrections and Marion Superior Court (Drug Free Community Fund) to implement substance abuse programs

Steve Dyson, Marion County Community Corrections (MCCC), said that \$18,000 of this transfer is being moved from a combination of funds from the Marion County Superior Court and the Marion County Auditor's Office into MCCC. He said this is the first time that MCCC has been awarded any of the Drug Free Marion County funds, which is why it was not included in their budget last year. Mr. Dyson said this money will be used for drug screens for the individuals in their substance abuse treatment program. He said that they currently do random drug testing, but this is an attempt to increase the number of drug screens, and specifically look at some of the people that are in substance abuse training. Mr. Dyson said that a portion of the money will also be used for bus passes for the offenders, as that is a big obstacle for many of them. In addition, a small portion of the money will be used to train the MCCC staff, to offer incentives (such as \$5 gift cards to Subway or for fuel) to individuals in substance abuse treatment, and to feed the class after graduating from the program.

Jamila Green, Marion County Superior Court, said that they are requesting a transfer of \$27,000 from their personnel expenses to their contractual and operating expenses. She said \$15,000 will be used for substance abuse treatment with the Salvation Army. The additional funds will be used for a recidivism study to interview past defendants of community court, to pay for program instructors for their Treatment Readiness program and women's group where weekly instruction is provided to past defendants, for maintenance repair that is done by community service workers, and for office supplies.

Councillor Moriarty Adams moved, seconded by Councillor Pfisterer, to forward Proposal No. 91, 2010 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 92, 2010 - approves an appropriation of \$432,140 in the 2010 Budget of the Marion Superior Court (Federal Stimulus and State Grants Funds) to fund salaries of probation officers and a case manager supervisor as part of the Family and Youth Intervention (FYI) program

Chair Hunter asked if Proposal Nos. 91 and 92, 2010 are both pass-through dollars. Ms. Green answered in the affirmative. She distributed a handout (attached as Exhibit A). Christina Ball, Deputy Chief Probation Officer, said that the court was awarded a Justice Agency Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$575,000 to provide services through the court's Family and Youth Intervention (FYI) program. She said it was originally supposed to be contracted services, but the prospective contract agency closed, so they brought the program in-house. Ms. Ball said that the appropriation will come from the JAG grant, and Exhibit A details how the money will be used. She said that a large majority of the money will be used this year, and a remaining portion will be used in 2011.

Councillor Vaughn asked if the money is funding existing personnel or additional officers. Ms. Ball answered that they will be new positions. Councillor Vaughn asked when the grant funding

expires. Ms. Ball answered that this is a four-year grant and expires in 2013. Councillor Vaughn asked if the Probation Department will return to have the salaries funded after the grant expires. Ms. Ball answered in the affirmative. Chair Hunter asked if later funding of the positions is a provision of the grant. Ms. Ball said that once the grant expires, the positions will be eliminated if they are unable to secure permanent funding.

Councillor Pfisterer asked if the FYI program is intended to replace the Youth Employment Services (YES) program that is being closed. Ms. Ball answered in the affirmative, and stated that before the FYI program began, the Probation Department relied on YES to serve all of the County's runaway population. She said when YES closed, they were forced to come up with a plan to deal with all of the County's runaways. Councillor Pfisterer asked if this will be a 24-hour, 7-day-a-week operation. Ms. Ball answered in the affirmative, and stated that it will be located in the Annex at the Juvenile Court Complex. She said that there are probation officers there 24-7 to receive runaways and low-level misdemeanor offenders to divert them out of the juvenile justice system, while still providing them access to services. Councillor Pfisterer asked if this program only deals with offenders. Ms. Ball answered that this program deals with children arrested for runaway offenses.

Councillor Vaughn asked if any of the probation officers or employees deal with runaways outside of the juvenile center, such as at the alternative reporting locations. Ms. Ball answered in the negative, and stated that this particular program is set up to deal only with kids who are not already active with the court. She said if the child escalates to the point of going through the formal court process, then the child is assigned to a probation officer, and most of the probation officers are located in the schools. Ms. Ball said that this program is to specifically divert kids out of the court system, while providing them access to services that are in the community.

Councillors Moriarty Adams and Pfisterer moved, seconded by Councillor Vaughn, to forward Proposal No. 92, 2010 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

Mr. Elrod said that there is a typographical error in Proposal No. 91, 2010 that the Committee may want to consider. Chair Hunter entertained a motion to reconsider the vote for Proposal No. 91, 2010. Councillor Pfisterer moved, seconded by Councillor Moriarty Adams, to reconsider the vote. Mr. Elrod said that the words "eighteen thousand" should be stricken in Section 2 and replaced with "forty-five thousand."

Councillor Vaughn moved, seconded by Councillor Moriarty Adams, to technically "Amend" Proposal No. 91, 2010 as described by Mr. Elrod. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

Councillor Pfisterer moved, seconded by Councillor Moriarty Adams, to forward Proposal No. 91, 2010 to the full Council with a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 93, 2010 - amends the Code to eliminate the provisions regarding law enforcement consolidation transition entities, and to make corresponding technical corrections

Councillor Vaughn said that he sponsored this proposal to eliminate preferences to the Law Enforcement Advisory Council. He said that the Council was established during the course of the merger discussions as a means to hear problems related to the merger of the police department. This Advisory Council is constituted by appointments by the City-County Council, the Mayor's Office, and he believes the FOP. However, his conversations with the appointments made by the City-County Council and the Mayor's Office regarding the Advisory Council have indicated that there have been no issues related to the merger, and the members of the Advisory Council would prefer to be more involved in other law enforcement matters. Chair Vaughn said that these members could effectively be appointed to other boards or commissions.

Councillors Moriarty Adams and Pfisterer moved, seconded by Councillor Vaughn, to forward Proposal No. 93, 2010 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin Hunter, Chair
Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

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Proposal #92 appropriates \$432,140 in the following manner:

- ⇒ \$352,140 in the Federal Stimulus grant fund for the salaries of 12 probation officers and one supervisor to assist with the enhancement of the Juvenile Reception Center. The probation officers will provide case management services as part of the Family and Youth Intervention Program housed at the Reception Center.
- ⇒ \$80,000 in the State grant fund to supplement the salaries of two existing probation officers at the Reception Center. The appropriation in the Federal Stimulus grant fund will accommodate any overage.